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AMENDMENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: S.K. Goeller et al. Attorney Docket No.: MSFT116243
Application No.: 09/865,167 Group Art Unit: 2114
Filed: May 24, 2001 Examiner: N. Iqbal
Title: AUTOMATIC CLASSIFICATION OF EVENT DATA

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**REQUEST TO HAVE PREVIOUSLY FILED RESPONSE CONSIDERED AS TIMELY
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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Applicants hereby request that the previously filed Response to the Office Action of February 26, 2004 with a Petition for a 1-Month Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, be considered timely filed.

1. Accompanying Material

Accompanying this request are a:

- a) Statement by Attorney in Support of Request to Have Previously Filed Response Considered as Timely Filed Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(b).
- b) Statement of Facts in Support of Request to Have Previously Filed Response Considered as Timely Filed Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(b).
- c) Copy of previously transmitted Response and Petition for Extension of Time.

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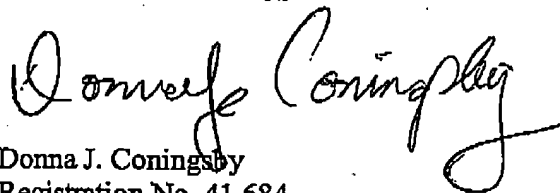
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d) Copy of postcard confirming receipt of the Response in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 28, 2004.

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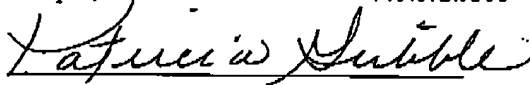


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RESPONSE

June 25, 2004

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2004, in the above-identified patent application, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 10-26 have been canceled.

REMARKS

Claims 1-40 are pending in the present application. In the February 26, 2004 Office Action in this application, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (hereinafter "the Office") indicated that Claims 1-9 and 27-40 are allowed. The Office further rejected Claims 10-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of the teachings of U.S. Patent No. 5,951,648, issued to Kailash. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter with regard to Claims 1-9 and 27-40. Without admitting to the propriety of the rejections, the rejected Claims 10-26 have been canceled to place the application in condition for allowance.

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